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To: Subst. House Bill No. **7126**

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Cal. No. 459

***"AN ACT REGULATING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK
COMPANIES AND TAXICABS."***

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- 1 In line 55, strike "fifty" and insert "five" in lieu thereof
- 2 In line 56, strike "The"
- 3 In line 57, strike "nonrefundable fee for such renewal shall be five
- 4 thousand dollars."
- 5 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 6 internal references accordingly:
- 7 "Sec. 501. Section 13b-99 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 8 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2018*):
- 9 (a) Upon the granting of a certificate of public convenience and
- 10 necessity as provided in section 13b-97, the holder thereof may apply
- 11 to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the registration of any
- 12 taxicab of which the holder is the owner or lessee and which is to be

13 used as specified in such certificate, and the Commissioner of Motor
14 Vehicles shall have jurisdiction over the registration of any taxicab and
15 its exterior lighting equipment and over the licensing of its operator.
16 Each registered taxicab shall have [a permanently attached electric
17 rooftop light] an electric light attached to the rooftop of the taxicab.
18 Each registered taxicab shall indicate, in [three-inch type permanently]
19 type affixed to the outside of such taxicab, the phone number of the
20 company operating such taxicab.

21 (b) Each such taxicab shall be inspected, biennially, at the time of
22 renewal of registration of such taxicab, by a repairer or limited repairer
23 licensed and authorized by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to
24 perform such inspections. The commissioner shall set a fee for such an
25 inspection.

26 (c) Each such taxicab shall be exempt from the provisions of
27 subsection (d) of section 14-100a.

28 (d) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, in
29 accordance with chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.
30 The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall consult with the
31 Commissioner of Transportation before adopting any regulation
32 concerning the attachment of a rooftop light to a taxicab under
33 subsection (a) of this section.

34 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 17b-276 of the general statutes is
35 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
36 *January 1, 2018*):

37 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall identify geographic
38 areas of the state where competitive bidding for nonemergency
39 transportation services provided to medical assistance recipients to
40 access covered medical services would result in cost savings to the
41 state. For the identified areas, the Commissioner of Social Services, in
42 consultation with the Commissioner of Transportation, the
43 Commissioner of Public Health and the Secretary of the Office of
44 Policy and Management, shall purchase such nonemergency

45 transportation services through a competitive bidding process. Any
46 transportation providers awarded a contract or subcontract for the
47 direct provision of such services shall be common carriers and meet
48 state licensure or certification requirements and the nonemergency
49 transportation requirements established by the Department of Social
50 Services, and shall provide the most cost effective transportation
51 service, provided any contractor awarded a contract solely for
52 coordinating such transportation services shall not be required to meet
53 such licensure or certification requirements and provided the first such
54 contracts for the purchase of such services shall not exceed one year.
55 Prior to awarding a contract pursuant to this section, the
56 Commissioner of Social Services shall consider the effect of the contract
57 on the emergency ambulance primary service areas and volunteer
58 ambulance services affected by the contract. The commissioner may
59 limit the geographic areas to be served by a contractor and may limit
60 the amount of services to be performed by a contractor. The
61 commissioner may operate one or more pilot programs prior to state-
62 wide operation of a competitive bidding program for nonemergency
63 transportation services. By enrolling in the Medicaid program or
64 participating in the competitively bid contract for nonemergency
65 transportation services, providers of nonemergency transportation
66 services agree to offer to recipients of medical assistance all types or
67 levels of transportation services for which they are licensed or
68 certified. Effective October 1, 1991, payment for such services shall be
69 made only for services provided to an eligible recipient who is actually
70 transported. A contract entered into pursuant to this section may
71 include services provided by another state agency. Notwithstanding
72 any provision of the general statutes, a contract entered into pursuant
73 to this section shall establish the rates to be paid for the transportation
74 services provided under the contract. A contract entered into pursuant
75 to this section may include services provided by another state agency
76 and shall supersede any conflicting provisions of the regulations of
77 Connecticut state agencies pertaining to medical transportation
78 services. Any contractor awarded a contract for coordinating
79 nonemergency transportation services for medical assistance

80 recipients, who also coordinates transportation services for
81 nonmedical assistance recipients, shall disclose to any transportation
82 provider, with whom it subcontracts to provide nonemergency
83 transportation services under this section, the source of payment at the
84 time the service is requested."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	13b-99
Sec. 502	<i>January 1, 2018</i>	17b-276(a)